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DCSPER—Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel
DCSOPS—Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans
DFR—dropped from the rolls
DIS—Defense Investigative Service
DSN—Defense Systems Network
EMF—enlisted master file
FAR—Federal Acquisition Regulation
FAS—Federal Acquisition Supplement
FBI—Federal Bureau of Investigation
MAC—Military Airlift Command
MACOM—major Army command
NCIC—National Crime Information Center
NLETS—National Law Enforcement Telecommunication System
OCONUS—outside Continental United States
PCF—Personnel Control Facility
PERSCOM—U.S. Army Total Personnel Command
PERSINSCOM—U.S. Army Personnel Information Systems Command
RMC—return to military control
ROTC—Reserve Officer Training Course
TR—Transportation request
UCMJ—Uniform Code of Military Justice
USACIDC—U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command
USACRC—U.S. Army Crime Records Center
USADIP—U.S. Army Deserter Information Point
USAEREC—U.S. Army Enlisted Records and Evaluation Center
USAR—U.S. Army Reserve

Terms

Coordinating agent—A person within a staff agency of CONUS command or CONUS installation who is responsible for coordinating and monitoring the absentee and deserter program.

Desertion—A violation of Article 85, UCMJ. It applies to any member of the Armed Forces who commits any of the following:

- (a) Not used.
- (1) Without authority goes or remains absent from his or her unit, organization, or place of duty with intent to remain away therefrom permanently.
- (2) Quits his or her unit, organization, or place of duty with intent to remain away therefrom permanently.
- (3) Without being regularly separated from one of the Armed Forces enlists or accepts an appointment in the same or another one of the Armed Forces without fully disclosing the fact that he or she has not been regularly separated, or enters any foreign Armed Service except when authorized by the United States. (This provision has been held not to state a separate offense by the United States Court of Military Appeals in *United States v. Huff*, 7 U.S.C.M.A. 247.22 C.M.R. 37 (1956).)
- (4) Any commissioned officer of the Armed Forces who, after tender of his or her resignation and before notice of its acceptance, quits his or her post or proper duties without

leave and with intent to remain away therefrom permanently is guilty of desertion.

(b) Deserters are classified as defectors when they commit any of the following:

- (1) Have escaped to another country and are outside the jurisdiction and control of the United States.
- (2) Are unwilling to return to the United States.
- (3) Are of special value to another country.
- (4) Have repudiated the United States when beyond its jurisdiction or control.

Deserter control officer—A commissioned officer (normally a battalion or unit adjutant) appointed in desertion cases to ensure that documentation on deserters dropped from the rolls is provided in a timely manner.

Detainer—A written notice to civil authorities that a person in their custody is an absentee of the Army or serving on active duty with the Army and that military authorities desire to take custody on release.

Dropped from the rolls of a unit—An administrative action that drops an absentee from the strength accountability of a unit.

Dropped from strength—A strength accounting procedure used to exclude personnel from the operating strength of the Army.

National Crime Information Center—A computerized police information system established by the Federal Bureau of Investigation to serve participating law enforcement agencies.

Personal Assistance Point—Agencies of the U.S. Army Total Personnel Command located at aerial ports of embarkation or debarkation to assist Army transient personnel enroute to or returning from overseas.

Personnel Control Facility—An organization that processes absentees returned to military control from an unauthorized absence. These facilities ensure proper disposition of returnees.

Special category absentee—A soldier reported AWOL who had access to top secret information during the last 12 months or is currently assigned to a special mission unit.

Special mission unit—A unit assigned a mission of such extraordinary sensitivity as to require specific management, oversight, and employment consideration.

Unavoidable absence—An unauthorized absence that happened through no fault of the absentee and no fault of the Government.

Unit—An organization, agency, or activity.

Unit commander—The commander of an absentee's or deserter's unit of assignment or attachment.

U.S. Army Deserter Information Point—The focal point with the Army for controlling, verifying, accounting, and disseminating data on individuals administratively classified as deserters.